

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER  
August 18, 2011**

**LEVI LINCOLN CHAMBER – CITY HALL**

**Commission Members Present:** Thomas Constantine, Chair  
Timothy McCann, Vice-Chair  
Janet Merrill  
Kevin Provencher

**Staff Present:** Edgar Luna, Division of Planning & Regulatory Services

**REGULAR MEETING (5:30 PM)**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Constantine called the meeting to order at 5:35 P.M.

**MINUTES:**

Mr. Luna informed the Commission that the pending minutes will be submitted at a later date.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. 34 Cedar Street (HC-2011-052) – Building Demolition Delay Waiver:** Stephen Jankowski representative for the petitioner, and Kenneth Jones owner and petitioner, presented the petition. Mr. Jankowski stated that the petitioner was seeking Building Demolition Delay Waiver approval to make the following changes: (a) remove and replace the roofing architectural shingles which were applied incorrectly on a half-round turret roof, (b) install ice and water shield over the area, and (c) install matching architectural shingles over the roof surface. Mr. Jankowski stated that the present petition was triggered due to the fact that some sections of the roof had been replaced incorrectly in the past, which causes damage to interior walls in the upper floors. In addition, he stated that the proposed roof replacement would correct such errors and prevent any further damage to this historic property. Commissioner Provencher asked Mr. Jankowski if the building retained any original roofing materials that should be preserved. Mr. Jankowski also indicated that, in his opinion, no original roofing materials remained. Upon a motion by Commissioner McCann and seconded by Commissioner Provencher, the Commission voted 4-0 that the proposed demolition would not be detrimental to the

architectural or historical resources of the City of Worcester, therefore, the Building Demolition Delay Waiver was approved.

*Exhibit A: Application submitted by PKJ Enterprise (aka Kenneth Jones), dated July 13, 2011 and received July 19, 2011.*

2. **96 Chatham Street (HC-2011-053) – Building Demolition Delay Waiver:** Christopher Burke and Rev. Fred Emons, representatives for the petitioner, Matthew 25, presented the petition. Mr. Burk stated that the petitioner was seeking Building Demolition Delay Waiver approval to remove and replace the rear porch with a smaller deck utilizing like materials. Mr. Burk also indicated that the proposed project was needed in order to address the advanced state of decay of the current rear porch. In addition, Mr. Burk indicated that Matthew 25 was a religious charitable non-profit organization dedicated to purchasing dilapidated residential buildings in the City and restoring them to make them available to low-income families, and indicated that this house was the 10<sup>th</sup> residence made available to City residents. Commissioner McCann stated that he appreciated the petitioner's efforts to restore historic structures and make them available to low-income families in the City. Upon a motion by Commissioner McCann and seconded by Commissioner Provencher, the Historical Commission voted 4-0 that the proposed demolition would not be detrimental to the architectural or historical resources of the City of Worcester, therefore, the Building Demolition Delay Waiver for this project was approved.

*Exhibit A: Building Demolition Delay Waiver Application submitted by Matthew 25 dated July 20, 2011 and received July 20, 2011.*

3. **17 Germain Street (HC-2011-054) – Building Demolition Delay Waiver:** Chair Constantine asked the audience if the petitioner for this project was present but no one responded. Chair Constantine asked Mr. Luna if he had been contacted by the petitioner about not being able to attend the meeting. Mr. Luna responded that he was not contacted. Commissioner McCann stated that vehicular traffic was congested in several sections of the City due to ongoing road improvements. At 6:45 pm, the Commission took a ten (10) minute recess in order to give the petitioner additional time to arrive in case he was delayed due to the traffic conditions. At 6:55 pm the meeting was resumed. Chair Constantine stated that the hearing for this petition should be postponed to the September 8, 2011 meeting. Upon a motion by Commissioner McCann and seconded by Commissioner Provencher, the Commission voted 4-0 to postpone the hearing for 17 Germain Street to September 8, 2011.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

4. **2 Ionic Avenue - Letter of Support for listing in the National Register of Historic Places:** Chair Constantine signed a Letter of Support for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for this site.

*Exhibit A: 2 Ionic Avenue: Letter of Support for listing in the National Register of Historic Places dated August 18, 2011*

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.